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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Elroy C. Smith on  
4 his 15 years of service to the Chicago radio industry; and

5           WHEREAS, Elroy C. Smith was born and raised on the island  
6 of Bermuda; he is the youngest of 6 children born to Ismay and  
7 Littenfeld Smith; and

8           WHEREAS, Elroy C. Smith's fascination with radio led him to  
9 ZFB in Bermuda, where he was told by the program director that  
10 he would never make it because of his inability to read;  
11 determined to succeed, he went to New York to attend  
12 Announcer's Training School; when he returned home, program  
13 director Sergio Dean offered him a part-time job at ZFB as an  
14 on-air personality; shortly after, he was admitted to Graham  
15 Junior College in Boston, Massachusetts; still illiterate, he  
16 taught himself to read by reading an encyclopedia every night;  
17 and

18           WHEREAS, After finishing the two-year program at Graham  
19 Junior College, Elroy C. Smith enrolled at Emerson College,  
20 where he sought a bachelor's degree in Mass Communications; and

21           WHEREAS, Elroy C. Smith joined WGCI-FM in 1992; since his

1 arrival at WGCI-FM, the station has consistently been a ratings  
2 leader in a number of demographics; he made history in 1993 by  
3 carrying WGCI-FM to the number one slot in the metropolitan  
4 area for three consecutive ratings periods; he has maintained  
5 WGCI-FM as one of the biggest radio stations in Chicago from  
6 February 1992 to March 2007; on July 5, 2004, he signed on with  
7 Bermuda's HOTT 1075 radio station; in August 2006 he was chosen  
8 to be Operations Manager of WVON; and

9 WHEREAS, In November 2000, Elroy C. Smith became program  
10 director of the Urban Adult Contemporary station WVAZ-FM; in  
11 2003, WVAZ-FM received the prestigious Marconi Award for Urban  
12 Station of the Year from the National Association of  
13 Broadcasters; and

14 WHEREAS, Elroy C. Smith has earned many honors and awards  
15 during his career; he was named the Billboard Monitor Program  
16 Director of the Year and was honored by the Living Legends  
17 Foundation; he was a recipient of the Midwest Radio Music  
18 Association Icon Award and the Salute to Excellence Award; he  
19 was awarded the State of the District Media Award by the United  
20 States Congress in 2006; in 2003 he was named the Program  
21 Director of the Year at the Radio Music Awards in Las Vegas,  
22 Nevada; and

23 WHEREAS, Elroy C. Smith is a faithful member of the Chicago

1 Church of Christ; and

2 WHEREAS, Elroy C. Smith and his wife, Vonda, are the proud  
3 parents of Colin Spencer and Carson Vaughn Smith; therefore, be  
4 it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7 congratulate Elroy C. Smith on his 15 years of service to the  
8 Chicago radio industry and wish him continued success and  
9 happiness in the future; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to Elroy C. Smith as a symbol of our esteem and  
12 respect.